


# LABOR

No great deed is done by falterers.—George Eliot.



## I. O. Unions Block Peace Parley With Committee Named by AFL Council

**WIS Refuses to Confer with Green—Representatives of Two More Dual Organizations Attend Pittsburgh Meeting of Suspended Group.**

*A. F. of L. News Service.*

At the beginning of negotiations which the A. F. of L. Executive Council sub-

hoped might result in a settlement of the controversy between the American Federation of Labor and the unions composing the Committee for Industrial Organization, whose chairman is L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers. It was expected by the refusal of the C. I. O. to meet in Pittsburgh, Pa., to appoint a committee of three to confer with a similar committee named by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor.

Chairman of the American Federation of Labor at its October meeting in New York City. He was asked to agree to appoint the committee. The C. I. O. group announced, however, that Mr. Green consented to the committee only on the condition that Mr. White be excluded. Mr. White bluntly refused to do this with the president of the A. F. of L. and the committee was organized by Hittler's Union.

Executive Council name a committee to study the matter with a similar committee of the C. I. O. was originally initiated by the Convention of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers' convention, which was accepted by Executive Council. The committee was charged with the change the policy outlined by Executive Council. I will gladly meet and confer with the President of the C. I. O. at any time.

"WILLIAM GREENE,  
President, American Federation of Labor."

**Lewis Rejoins Conference**

In a telegram to Mr. Green refusing to participate in the conference which the C. I. O. itself had proposed, the following vice presidents of the A. F.

to represent the Council in the postponed conferences: George M. Har- nold, president of the Railway Clerks; J. H. Knight, president of the Railway Men of America, and Matthew Woll of the International Photo-Engravers' Union.

**I. O. O. Refuses to Name Committee**

In the action of the Committee for Industrial Organization on the ground- signed works of Mr. Green's telegram that he had no authority to change the policy of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor. "Under such circumstances," Mr. Lewis said, "a conference between the two unions is pre- signed would be futile." The telegram included an attack on the A. F. of L. Executive Council for having suspended the unions composing the Committee for Industrial Organization on the ground

Industrial Organization in refusing to join the negotiating committee was obtained in a message to Mr. Green in Charles P. Howard, secretary of the C. I. O. The message said: "In accordance today the committee for Industrial Organization has considered your proposal to appoint a committee to meet with the committee appointed by the Executive Council. Past experience has shown that such a committee functioning within a trade organization is not feasible. The C. I. O. declared that until the suspension of the C. I. O. would not discuss the re-establishment of relationship with the American Federation of Labor."

Mr. Lewis's telegram added that "this statement has been approved by the Committee for Industrial Organization in session this date." It was stated, however, that David Dubinsky, presi-

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**ROCKETT REFINERY UNION  
WANTS HIGHER PAY MINIMUMS**

By A. F. L. of New Service.

Austin, Tex. — The ever-increasing recognition of the ability of labor officials to capably serve the public in official capacities was again emphasized when Governor Allred, in signing the new Unemployment Insurance Act for Texas, announced the appointment of the state's leading labor executive to one of the commissions which will administer the provisions of

WALLACE REILLY, executive secretary of the Texas State Federation of Labor, was selected as commissioner from a field of several capable labor officials who were available.

ansing, Mich. (APLNS).—The vast sums already being realized from the creation of the Social Security Act in Michigan's concurrent statutes is attested by the announcement of the officials that approximately 39,400 persons in Michigan are now receiving pension assistance to them in 1936 amounting to \$11,900.

is also brought out that 26,000 dependent children and 450 blind persons are eligible for assistance within the few months, plans having already been approved. The Social Security Service plans about one-half the cost of the aged and blind and one-third the amount involved in aid for the state's dependent children.

It is believed the Texas law will cover approximately a million workers. Employers of eight or more persons come under the provisions of the act, which provides for usual exemptions, such as agricultural labor and domestic servants in homes.

Taxes for employers will amount to 5.1 per cent for 1934, 3.8 per cent for 1935 and 2.7 per cent for 1936, 1937 and 2.7 per cent for 1938, 1939 and 1940, after which year there will be no tax.

**...RICHMOND ORGANIZE**  
Richmond, Calif. (APLANS).—The annual march of labor organization, giving its blessings of protection and grace, has been joined by Richmond strikers, who have formed a union, are getting away to a good start.  
Secretary Ross. Mannina of the California Association of Journeymen Barbers among the union officials who are present at the installation and

used the meeting. Mr. Manning said the union barbers, which employ more than 100 men, are men who are human beings who appreciate humane treatment, the Bay City Dairy Company has announced a welcome betterment in working conditions.

The new arrangement provides that all employees will go on a six-day work week instead of seven as heretofore, and every five weeks each employee will be given a day off for a day of rest and leisure. The new plan of the work

County, in which Richmond is located, are now union shops. week was also accompanied by an increase in wages.